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LEGISLATIVE BILL 1064

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Committee: Appropriations

A BILL

- 1 FOR AN ACT relating to appropriations; to appropriate funds for
- 2 expansion of the Western Nebraska Veterans' Home.
- 3 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. The Legislature finds that:

2 (1) The Western Nebraska Veterans' Home in Scottsbluff,
3 Nebraska, serves approximately eighty veterans and their qualified
4 dependents;

5 (2) The current facility lacks a large general-purpose
6 area to hold meetings and events needed to meet the physical,
7 social, and emotional needs of the veterans and their families;

8 (3) Such a general-purpose area would provide a place to
9 hold multipurpose activities that may include lectures, plays,
10 movies, musical performances, and large staff meetings;

11 (4) Community and member functions, such as meetings of
12 veteran organizations, Veterans' Affairs Volunteers Services, and
13 other state, county, and civic groups could also be held within
14 such a general-purpose area; and

15 (5) Such a general-purpose area should also contain a
16 canteen area in which family members and other individuals may
17 converse privately in order to maintain the camaraderie of a family
18 setting.

19 It is therefor the intent of the Legislature that the
20 Western Nebraska Veterans' Home in Scottsbluff, Nebraska, be
21 authorized to expand its existing facility to build a
22 general-purpose area as described in this section.

23 Sec. 2. There is hereby appropriated \$458,304 from the
24 State Building Fund and \$851,138 federal funds for FY2000-01 to the
25 Department of Health and Human Services, for Program 916, to
26 construct a general-purpose area as described in section 1 of this
27 act at the Western Nebraska Veterans' Home in Scottsbluff,
28 Nebraska. Of the funds appropriated from the State Building Fund,

1 not more than twenty thousand dollars may be spent to complete a
2 program statement, but no funds shall be expended from the
3 appropriation from this fund until federal matching funds have been
4 secured. The state funds appropriated for this project may be used
5 as a match for any available federal or other funds. This section
6 does not prohibit the use of any private, local, or internally
7 reallocated funds as a match for any available federal or other
8 funds. The unexpended General Fund balance existing on June 30,
9 2001, is hereby reappropriated.